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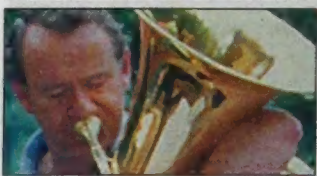
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Santa Claus may bypass Minden

Insurance demands put parade in jeopardy

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Will there be a Santa Claus parade this year? Maybe not.

The Lions Club has said that they will not

be organizing the parade this year because of insurance requirements (see accompanying story). Is there anyone else who can?

"I can't say that there will definitely be a parade," says Reeve Jim McMahon. "But I'm going to do my damndest to have one."

For the third year in a row, insurance demands have jeopardized the parade. Two years ago, when insurance woes struck the Lions Club, the Minden Hills Fire Department

became the organizer on paper to allow the parade to be covered by the township's insurance. Last year, the insurance agent themselves, Hudson Henderson, covered the insurance costs.

This year, as with two years ago, the township is looking for ways to cover the parade's insurance with its own. The most likely possibility is that the Fire Department officially

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A Dickens of a story

Jimmy Jones, a money-counting booking agent from Chicago, has arranged for Charles Dickens Jr. and his wife Bessie to be at the Minden

Cultural Centre on November 26 for a Christmas reading. Bessie is trying to groom her husband for elevated social status and Charles needs the evening to be a success because he has six children saying, "Please, Father, can we have more food? Details on page 9.

Minden Hills gets new reeve

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

In an unusual display of unanimity, at the October 27 meeting of council Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon was selected by council as the new reeve.

Nominated by Peter Oyler and seconded by Ron Buchanan, McMahon was the only nom-

inee.

"When the reeve's seat became vacant," said McMahon, "it was sort of assumed that the Deputy Reeve would fill it."

However, an assumption is not a guarantee. Any member of council could have nominated any other member of council or themselves for the position of reeve. The voting

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911 for emergencies only

Prank and non-emergency 911 calls endanger the health and safety of those in real need of emergency services, says the OPP.

During the course of four randomly reviewed weekends, eight per cent of 911 calls were actual emergencies while 92 per cent were non-emergency or prank calls.

Do not call OPP communication centres or dial 911 for road conditions and closures. These calls tie up emergency lines and may

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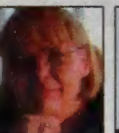
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Reeve will focus on downtown core

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was done with a show of hands.

"It was very heart warming," McMahon says. "My fellow colleagues put their trust in me to lead the team."

Sworn in by Minden Hills' new clerk Cheryl McCarroll, McMahon thanked council for their support. Also in a rare display from the public, McMahon received applause from the gallery.

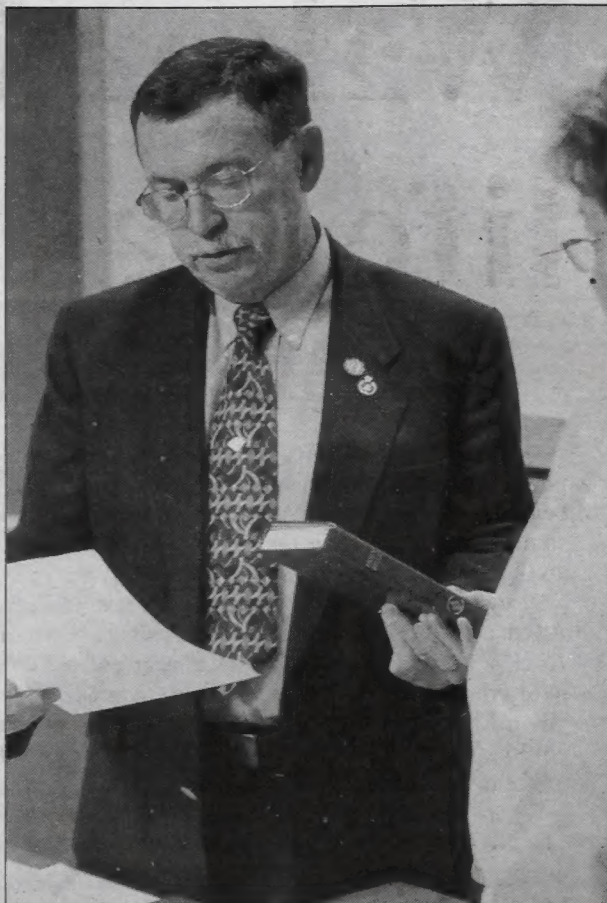
"Thank you," he said as he returned to his seat from shaking the hands of council members. "It means a lot."

For the past few months, McMahon had been serving in the capacity of reeve ever since former Reeve Ross Rigney became ill. For McMahon, nothing much will change at the council meetings.

"I'm going to look at where I can make a difference," he says about his new role. "Everyone has thoughts and ideas about what should be done."

McMahon's first order of business will be to rehabilitate and beautify the downtown core. "We should be proud of our town," he says. "The first thing I want to see is the downtown core looking good for Christmas."

Another objective will be to reacquaint council with the businesses in the area. "There are new businesses and new faces in the community," he says. "I will set out and meet with these people and see if we can't come together."



Formerly the deputy-reeve, Jim McMahon was sworn in as reeve on Thursday.

Ultimately, McMahon is looking for an association of businesses that could become involved in, among other things, the Santa Claus Parade.

McMahon will serve as reeve until the November 2006 municipal elections.

Use 911 properly

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cause a delay in responding to those who need help immediately. This is a time of year when the weather directly affects driving and road conditions, resulting in a significantly larger volume of callers reporting motor vehicle collisions.

At the same time, OPP communication centres are swamped with phone calls from people looking for general road condition information. 911 is not intended for that use.

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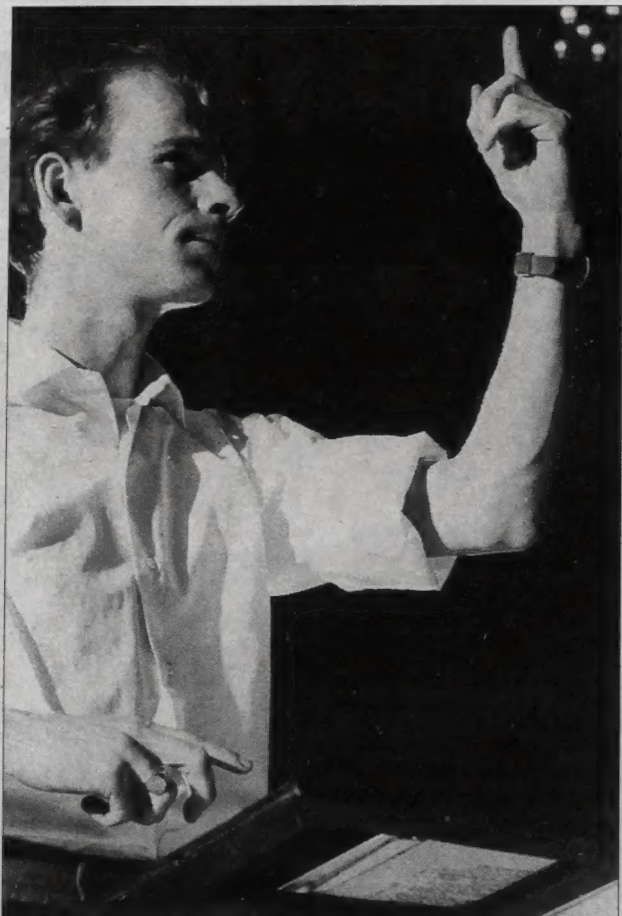
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Parents drove their children from all over Toronto to Walter Barnes' music program at Wenona Drive Public School.



Even after he retired, Walter Barnes dedicated much of his time to teaching young people to play, and to play well.



As organist at St. Paul's since 2002, he helped draw people deeper into their faith, says the Rev. Riscylla Shaw.

Walter Barnes' life was his music

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Music was Walter Barnes' life and to pay tribute to its power to enrich all of our lives, he strove to make it as beautiful as possible. He'd practise and play and practise some more – and when he wasn't playing himself, he'd arrange music for others.

Riscylla Shaw used to sit in her house next to St. Paul's Anglican Church and hear him practise the church organ. After suffering a health setback a year and a half ago, he'd come to the church every day to make sure that when he played for the Sunday morning service, he could sustain the high standard that he believed the music deserved.

When Barnes didn't show up for the Thanksgiving Sunday service, the congregation knew something was wrong. Some friends were dispatched to his Mountain Lake home and, before the service was over, they returned with the news that he had died. Voices breaking with emotion, they sang the last hymn in his honour.

"Music means the world [to a church service]," says Shaw, who is the priest for the Minden parish. "It ties the service together and draws people deeper into their faith. It's a gift that helps people along their spiritual journey to be a good organist and for Walter it was also a well-practised skill."

"For him, practicing every day wasn't about him. It was about presenting the music in the best possible way."

"He had high expectations – he wanted it to be right," says Glen Carter, who played trumpet to Barnes' tuba in the Highlands Brass Quintet, which Barnes started 25 years ago.

Barnes' contribution to young musicians is a lasting legacy.

In partnership with the Canadian Brass, Barnes wrote the bible for high school brass instruments. He did four Canadian Brass books for students, ranging from easy to

difficult. "It is with great sadness that I learned of Walter Barnes' passing," says Canadian Brass tuba player Chuck Daellenbach on their website. "I considered Walter a very dear friend, a most valuable colleague. The series of Canadian Brass Quintet books he and I worked on together represent an extremely high point in our relationship – he continues to influence thousands and thousands of musicians through his insightful work."

"It's daunting to think of all the hearts Walter touched as a teacher, musician and mentor – a spirit like Walter's is rare; his influence will never end."

Carter remembers listening to Barnes' Grade 8 band from Wenona Drive Public School in Toronto. "It sounded like a full orchestra."

"People would drive their kids from all over Toronto so they could take music from Walter."

Barnes also ran a music camp at Camp Kandalore and for a few summers taught at the Haliburton School of the Arts with Carter.

As organist and choir director at St. Bartholemew's Anglican Church, Barnes extended his positive influence over young lives. One of his young choir members from 40 years ago came to Barnes' funeral. He had grown up poor in Regent's Park and Barnes was the first one to make him believe in himself and his talents.

"Music was his life; that's what kept him going," says Elaine Bell, whose career shares many similarities.

"He was a bit of a contrarian fellow but he was a marshmallow underneath once you got past the grumpiness."

Shaw laughs when she hears this assessment of Barnes' personality. "He was grouchy and he knew it."

When Barnes retired to Mountain Lake, he made friends with Bob Hurtle and his wife Libby, who passed away last year. The two men would go fishing together and they also shared a love of Minden, volunteering to help organize the annual Timbersports festival.

Canadian Brass partnership gives students music to grow by

This is an abridged version of Times Editor Martha Perkins' 1994 profile of Walter Barnes.

How's this for a new twist on an old saying: Give a child a tape or a CD, and you entertain them for an hour. Give them an instrument and teach them how to play it, and they can entertain themselves for a lifetime. They may even get paid to entertain others.

The proof of this type of legacy can be found on Mountain Lake. On the tip of a peninsula lives Walter Barnes, a "retired" music teacher. (He used to get paid by the Toronto Board of Education for teaching music to students; now he volunteers those same talents gratis every afternoon at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.)

Further proof can be heard when Brass Quintessence plays at Archie Stouffer. The five musicians are studying at the McGill Faculty of Music, but three of the players got their start in Mr. Barnes' Grade 7 music class in Toronto in 1986. They also spent four summers in Minden, helping Mr. Barnes with his brass workshops.

Through Mr. Barnes, Brass Quintessence could also be considered as the offspring of Canadian Brass, one of the pre-eminent brass quintets in the world. (Mr. Barnes would drop the "one of." He says, "They're the finest brass quintet in the world, absolutely.")

Canadian Brass started performing in 1970 and Mr. Barnes met up with them in 1975. A professional and personal friendship was cultivated, leading to Mr. Barnes writing a series of classroom music books under the Canadian Brass moniker. When the members of Brass Quintessence started practising, they were using these books as their guide. Later they were part of a 15-minute video Canadian Brass did for PBS on the importance of music in schools.

It's a legacy that Mr. Barnes is justifiably proud of. During the interview, he keeps stressing that the conversation is not about him; it's about his students, his involvement with Glen Carter at ASES, and the upcoming Brasserama concert. But it is Walter Barnes who links them together, playing a major role in introducing students to music. He doesn't care if they play classical or jazz or rock 'n roll, just as long as they play – and play well.

Likewise, he doesn't fight a teenager's tendency to behave like a teenager. When a child starts playing piano at home, he plays alone. By the time he reaches Grade 7, friends are becoming just as important as music. Put the Grade 7 student in a school band, and you can combine the music and the friendships.

"When you're teaching children in Grade 7 and 8, music is a social experience with their friends," says Mr. Barnes. "You turn the kids on to performing. I used to say at workshops that music is the gimmick to get the children. It's not the be all and end all, it's the child. Once you've got them wanting to learn, they'll try all kinds of music."

Walter Barnes got his start at home, learning how to play the piano, and then the violin. He was attracted to brass instruments, but his brother played the trombone and there was no way he was going to play the same instrument as his brother. Then his church started a band and young Walter noticed a tuba lying in its case. A life-long partnership was born.

During his summer holidays, Mr. Barnes would often come up to Camp Kandalore. He fell in love with the area but couldn't find a property that captivated him. Then, on the same day he saw an intriguing real estate ad in the *Globe and Mail*, a friend phoned to say he had found the perfect property. It turned out that it was the *Globe* property. Mr. Barnes drove up and put an offer on the land the next day. It was 1967 and building the cottage became his "Centennial project."

With modern technology, Mr. Barnes gets to live at the lake year-round while pursuing his professional interests. As well as being educational editor for the Canadian Brass books, he's also their Canadian representative for their new line of brass instruments, which have been years in the designing and perfecting.

"When you came in," he tells his visitor, "I was upstairs and working on an arrangement on computer. Meanwhile, there's a fax beside me if Canadian Brass needs to get in touch with me and there's a 1-800 number if someone wants to buy an instrument."

"It's the best of both worlds."

Three worlds if you include the music.

Council vows to help

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organizes the parade.

"We can help sponsor it and do what we can," says Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell. "But, if we get a call an hour before the parade, we'd have to go."

Schell says that the Minden Fire Department is not prepared to organize the parade. He has agreed to be put down on paper, though, as the organizer simply to allow the township's insurance to cover the parade.

The Fire Department is not prepared to become involved beyond their traditional role of letting Santa use the Fire Hall for pictures, hot chocolate and music.

The actual organizing would be left to someone else.

Minden Hills is trying to entice the other service organizations, the Rotary and the Kinsmen, to see if they can help. That's not to count the Lions out by any means.

"I would personally offer assistance," says Brain Moore of the Minden Lions Club. "I cannot say whether the club would help out or not."

With the parade usually scheduled for the third Saturday in November, time is of the essence.

"We may have to postpone it," says McMahon. "To me, it's always been too early anyway."

At the October 27 meeting of council, one thing was clear - no councillor is prepared to take the fall for no Santa Claus parade.

All were in agreement that it would be a terrible shame to lose the parade.

"It's the kids who lose out," said McMahon.

"This is for the kids," said Councillor Peter Oyler, "I'd hate to see it go."

With replies from the local service clubs not expected for some time, the Santa Claus parade may be put on hold.

"We'll find a solution to this problem," said Reeve McMahon. "There's one out there."

While an interim solution needs to be found for this year's parade, McMahon says that the ultimate solution will be for council to assume responsibility for the organizing of the parade annually, as it does with Canada Day and Timbersports. "There's going to have to be a committee of council."

Currently, township are looking for ways to have a parade organized in time for this year's festivities. While council may be willing to insure the event, without an organizing body the parade cannot happen.

Lions struggle with parade decision

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

It was a somber gathering at the Minden Lions Club last Wednesday night when members met to discuss whether to continue with plans to host the 17th annual Santa Claus Parade.

At issue were new demands from the club's insurance carrier. A week prior to the parade, it wanted every participant who would be using a non-standard motorized vehicle to have a letter from their insurance broker saying that they had insurance coverage for the parade. That meant that everyone, from the Shriners in their little carts to Girl Guides being pulled on a float by an ATV would have to prove that if there was an accident, they had insurance to cover it.

"We do not wish to be acting as policemen for the insurance industry," says Lion Brian Moore on the 17-1 vote to discontinue their role as parade organizers.

"I've been in Lions for 22 years and this is one of the most difficult decisions I've ever had to make," he says. "I love Santa Claus. I love Christmas. I love the way the kids' faces just light up [when they watch the parade go by.] To not give that gift is so frustrating."

The Lions' decision not to host the parade does not mean the parade has been cancelled, but it has been put in jeopardy.

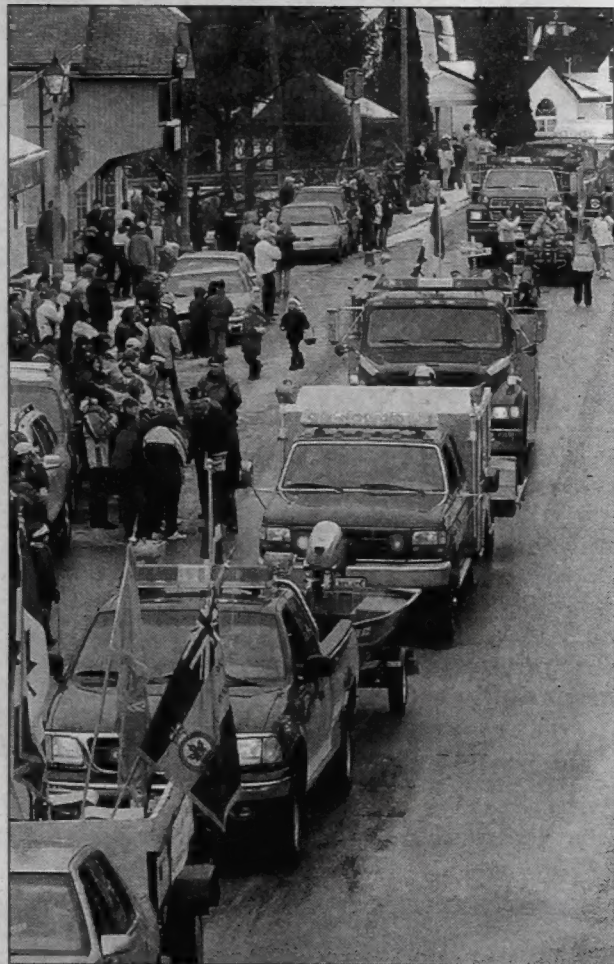
Moore says Haliburton is not facing the same problem because the BIA hosts the parade and the BIA is covered under the municipality's insurance. If Minden Hills or any of its associated departments or committees were to host the parade, the participants would not be required to have special insurance.

The extra insurance does not cost anything, but groups and individuals would have to go through the effort to get the letter beforehand.

Two years ago the Lions got around this by having the Minden fire department named as the sponsor even though the Lions did all the work. The Lions were not allowed to be recognized.

Last year the insurance grinch threatened to keep Santa in the North Pole because of higher rates. Hudson Henderson Insurance in Minden came to the rescue and paid for the insurance themselves.

Moore says Gord Barter of Hudson Henderson has been working hard to come up with some way to keep



If a committee or department of council ran the parade, it would be covered under the municipality's insurance.

the Lions in the parade to no avail. "We hadn't even gotten to the point where we were discussing cost," Moore says, adding, "We really appreciate the work that Hudson Henderson has done. This was a big surprise to Gord when it all came down."

Moore says the Lions don't want someone to arrive at the parade start with a decorated float only to be told they can't participate.

The insurance companies are worried about such things as a child startling a horse, the horse bolting and someone watching the parade getting hurt.

"This is their fear so they're putting the onus on us to deal with it," Moore says. "I couldn't say to someone who had put time putting a float together that, 'Sorry, you can't go in.'"

If it let the float in and there was an accident, even if the accident did not involve that float, the club would be liable.

Earlier this year the Lions cancelled a walk to raise money for guide dogs because it needed an insurance policy for \$5 million.

The Lions say they are willing to provide information and assistance to any group that steps forward to sponsor the parade.

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Entire community is welcome in Common Room

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Supporters of the arts got a taste of why the new Common Room is such a welcome addition to the Minden Cultural Centre on Saturday.

They didn't have to worry about their crumbs as they nibbled on delicious desserts in the recently renovated public gathering space.

Gone was the carpet that made hosting any event which included eating or painting burdensome for the staff who had to clean up afterwards. The old kitchen was removed, making more room for people to mingle. And the new kitchen, set into a small recess with a large fridge donated by the Minden Rotary Club, made it much easier for the volunteers to ensure there was plenty of food for everyone who came to celebrate this community project.

The renovations were made possible by a \$5,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. It takes a portion of the money raised by casinos and gives it to non-profit organizations throughout the province.

Maantha Perkins/TIMES



Taking part in the celebration of renovations to the Common Room at the Minden Cultural Centre were assistant librarian Diane Peacock, MPP Laurie Scott, the Trillium Foundation's Peter Forgrave, museum curator Carol Simmons, centre manager Diane Graham, gallery curator Laurie Carmount and Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon.

"Well done to the whole community," enthused MPP Laurie Scott as she greeted Saturday's crowd. "You've really rallied behind this place. It's just wonderful."

"To me this is the nuts and bolts, one of the great types of grants [that the Trillium Foundation can bestow]," said Peter Forgrave, who heads the district committee that decides who gets the money.

"This project proves that it's not the monetary value of the grant that gives the program its importance, it's the impact on the community. The Common Room

additions help keep the community healthy and vibrant."

This is particularly true in a county that relies so much on tourism, said Jim McMahon in his first official role as reeve of Minden Hills. He paid tribute to Ross Rigney, the former reeve who stepped down for health reasons in September. Rigney and his wife Lois were at the celebrations, as was Jeanne Anthon who was reeve when the project was first discussed.

"Ross's heart and soul are still with us,

God bless him," McMahon said.

When Dr. Agnes Jamieson first bequeathed the money for the Minden Cultural Centre, she was adamant that it include a place where various community groups could gather, he said. "She emphasized her wish for this Common Room to be a focal point for children, seniors, everyone. It was to be accessible to all."

The \$5,700 needed to complete the renovations make it a small project for the Trillium Foundation, but "it makes a huge difference to us."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Save the parade

IT IS A REAL SHAME INDEED if Santa Clause does not come right down Santa Claus Lane this year in Minden. Hundreds of children will be disappointed, as will scores of adults, still young at heart, who enjoy the festive season just as much as when they themselves were kids.

For the third year in a row, the Minden Santa Claus parade is in jeopardy. For 16 years now, Minden has enjoyed one of the finest Christmas traditions ever, all thanks to the Minden Lions Club. This year, because of insurance reasons, the Lions Club is not organizing the parade.

If there is no parade this year, the Lions Club is not to blame. They invest countless hours of volunteer service to this community, as do all service clubs in Minden, without which Minden would be very, very different.

Some time ago, the Lions Club lost a large revenue source when they cancelled the weekly bingo night in the community centre. As parade costs escalate each year, it inevitably became harder and harder for the Lions Club to fund it. Now, with the astronomical insurance costs, and the requirements that all participants be insured – even horses – the Lions Club does not want to enforce insurance requirements nor can they continue to afford the parade.

Currently, Minden Hills council is asking the other service clubs in town if they can help out this year. As they did two years ago, the Minden Hills Fire Department will most likely be listed as the official organizer. This would allow the parade to be insured under the township's policy. But as Fire Chief Doug Schell says, they can do no more than they have done in the past, which is to provide the use of the fire hall for a visit with Santa.

The Fire Department is also not to blame if there is no parade this year. They are a fire department and their efforts are best spent putting out fires or otherwise helping in emergencies. They have neither the resources nor the time to organize the kind of grand spectacle the people of Minden have become used to, thanks to the great work of the Lions Club.

The truth is, the world has become far too litigious a place for Santa and his reindeer. Is Rudolph insured? Probably not, but he should be. What if Santa's sleigh hit a plane? Lawyers would have a field day with that one. To boot, Santa probably enjoys an eggnog or two before setting off to work.

Since when can't willing participants in a parade walk, trot, drive or wave down the main street of Minden without being insured? Couldn't they sign a waiver? Are people completely incapable of taking responsibility for themselves?

It is hoped that participants in a parade assume all the risks involved with walking down a street. If someone trips on a crack on the pavement, the road is to blame, not carelessness. Who owns the street? Sue the pants off them. That crack should not have been there.

Participants also assume risk when they line the street to view the pretty floats, sing carols and devour candy canes. If someone chokes on a candy cane, who is to blame? If by some terrible stroke of bad luck, something serious happens and someone is injured or even worse, suing the party responsible does not rectify the situation. It merely makes a bad situation worse. Accidents happen...live with it.

It is sad that even Christmas has become for the adults. Specifically, Christmas has become an opportunity for the lawyers and insurance brokers who thrive on mishaps and personal injury. It is not for the child anymore.

Since it is highly unlikely that insurance companies will change their ways in the next three weeks, the problem remains. There is currently no one brave enough to organize Minden's 17th annual Santa Claus Parade. (See how nicely it rolls off the tongue?)

While an assortment of Minden's service clubs may be the parade's only hope for this year, for next year and all those that follow, the only option is for the township to run the parade as it does the Canada Day celebrations and Timbersports. This would ensure that insurance is never again a problem and Christmas can be for the children again. And those who are still young at heart.

Bryn Weese

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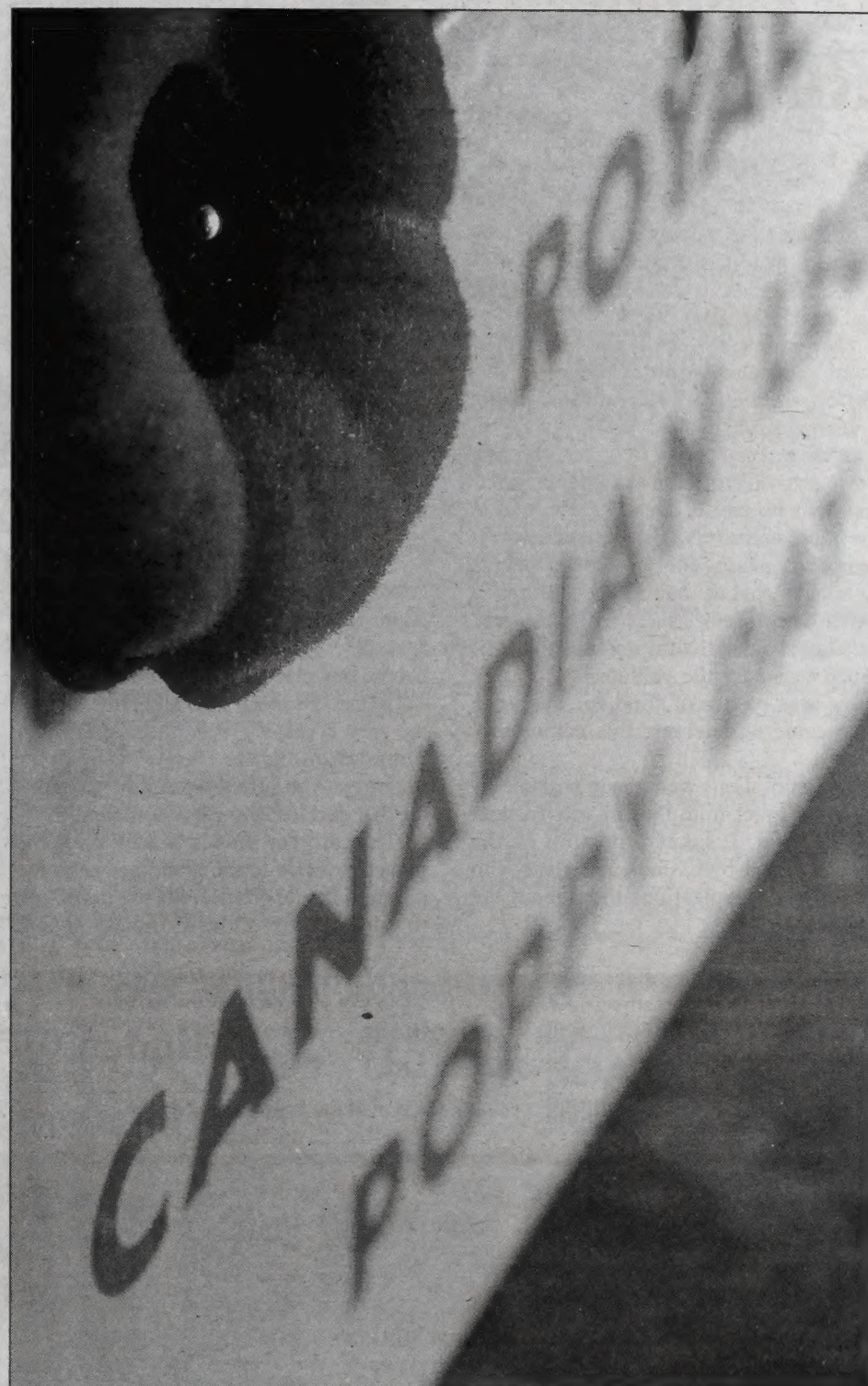
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Politicians must adjust tax rate for cottagers

To the Editor:

Further to the *Times* article "Property increases highest in province", all lakefront property owners are sure to be up at arms yet again. From my understanding, the chances of winning a lower assessment are slim and none. The assessments are based on fact and is well known that the value of lakefront properties have skyrocketed in recent years.

Therefore, I am suggesting that every single lakefront property owner present their plea to the elected representatives at the county and local level. There must be a way to adjust the tax rate for properties

zoned "seasonal". Many owners have cottaged in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands for generations. Many have converted the family cottage to a year-round home choosing to live in our pollution free, quiet, slower moving environment. Most do not send children to the schools here but do support the local economy in different ways. For many, their Haliburton Highlands lakefront property is a second residence, maybe even a third, but for many others, it is their only home, not a luxury. I don't think any of us are asking for a hand-out. We simply want a rate system that is fair.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Bargains

YESTERDAY MY WIFE and I bought a DVD player. We're still not sure what it does but, believe me, it was a bargain.

The best part is that we went into the store with the intention of purchasing the model that was selling for \$29.99. This seemed like a reasonable price to pay for a machine whose function remains a total mystery. Luckily, however, my wife, who has an eye for great deals, soon spotted one with even more features that we do not need or understand. So, in no time at all, we upgraded to the \$49.99 model. It has pretty blue lights. You should see them.

Once we got it home, I read the instruction manual. I began on page three because Carol was in a hurry to find out what a great thing we had bought. She did not read the manual possibly because it would interfere with her gut feelings which act as sort of an override to prevent me from doing

whatever the designing engineers say I should do.

Hours later, we discovered that the machine was incompatible with our television. And also that it didn't make bread. Later I found out that both of these things were clearly stated on page 2 of the manual. Carol said I would have known that if only I had read it.

We were then faced with two choices - buy a new television or buy an adapter. We chose the latter, since it, at least, was only slightly less money than the DVD player. So we drove to town to get the adapter and once we got it home, we discovered that we needed another coaxial cable to hook it up to the DVD player in order for it to do whatever it is

that a DVD player does. Which, I can say with great authority, is definitely not bread making.

It took several blind guesses and a few phone calls to friends who also own DVD players but we finally hooked it up. Not an easy thing since we were dealing with four wires, 12 potential homes for them and approximately 4,353,998,345 possible combinations.

Of course, once we had it up and running, we then had to drive back into town to rent a couple of movies on DVD, which happen to be more expensive to rent than good old videos. It

was then that I learned that the main function of a DVD player is to play movies that you used to play on your VCR before you got so sophisticated

and modern that you needed a DVD. And the accompanying adapter. And extra coax cable. And quite possibly a new TV by Christmas.

I saw both of the movies my wife picked - but not on our brand new DVD player. No, we had a few technical difficulties with that. First off, the picture was distorted so much that it looked like someone threw the television in the lake.

The manual said all it would take was a few minor adjustments, and, of course, it was right. Once we adjusted our eyes to the wavy picture we did just fine.

Now I know that the other good part about having a DVD player is that you can also play CDs, just in case the thirteen CD players in your house go on the fritz all at once.

I think I can see now why these things are all the rage. Oh, did I say that it had pretty blue lights?



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The perfect autumn day

ON A PERFECT LATE October morning on the cusp of November, a landscape that might be stolen from Vermont presents itself to The Brown Dog Jiggs and me.

It takes my breath away. A perfect picture of Haliburton would be of a lake framed by hardwood hills, range after range of autumn-coloured sugar maples marching off to the horizon.

Vermont's charm is more complex, farms and villages and church steeples nestled in river valleys with their own backdrops of hills, even mountains, climbing up behind the meadows.

There is no church steeple of any consequence in Minden, but on this lovely morning, standing by a lane that runs through the Coltman farm, looking east along the Gull River valley, some magic has transformed Haliburton into New England.

There is a hayfield before us, then the summer's corn field plowed and waiting for what comes next. Trees line a hollow that bounds a meadow and beyond that is a fine old barn, gray with age, and a farmhouse.

More fields, another barn and there, off in the distance, is the village. Across the river there are more barns, more fields,

hills rising up behind them still cloaked in the last leaves of autumn.

All this through the haze of early morning, a haze that seems thicker above the river, where mist must have risen with the sun only an hour or two ago.

The Brown Dog has walked me through our neighbour's forest on a morning that is almost perfectly silent, holding its breath in anticipation of hard winter times ahead.

There are small sounds — a rush of raven's wings, the scurrying of a squirrel, a partridge exploding through the trees. But no birds sing.

Out of the trees and through a maze of gravel pits, we pass summer's last holdouts, yellow flowers still blooming in the dust.

We hope for turkeys and find something better beside the Coltman lane, even if we don't have a personal naturalist to confirm our guess at what we see.

What we find, we think, is a crabapple tree beside the lane. The tree is no more than 10 feet tall and not much of that is left.

Upper branches laden with fruit are torn away now, leaving only ragged stubs. Where there were windfalls only a day or so ago, now there is only trampled grass.

A bear has been here, we decide, but we are only guessing. What we need is a scientist to explain things to us and a true countryman to correct him.

Autumn is a season that keeps rushing at you like a runaway train, too many things coming all at once.

On another October morning, a friend and I fill a truck cab with idle chatter about nothing in particular and suddenly we come over the crest of a tall hill and abruptly the truck fills up with silence.

The hill drops off like falling off a roof and there before us is a flat valley all dressed in browns and golds, mist floating over the land in the morning sun.

On another morning in another neighbour's bush, Jiggs hurts a paw and heads off on his own without telling me and so

I stand there hollering his name until suddenly there galumphs before me, perhaps a hundred feet away, a cow moose, perhaps looking for Bob Creek.

"Jiggs, come to me," I cry with great authority and the moose pauses to look at the noise and say, "I'm not Jiggs." We repeat the exchange, and then again, and then the cow is gone.

Jiggs is at home, waiting for me, waiting with a torn nail and raw flesh between the toes of a back foot and the promise of another visit to the animal hospital.

Next week the woods will be full of blood and gunfire and bands of men renewing old friendships and family ties in a tradition older than the county and although I am no hunter the idea of the hunt comforts me.

It sings of continuity, of history, of old values. Perhaps the grandson of the grandson of a man who hunted the same woods so many years ago will get his first deer this Monday morning.

It is a good time for getting a deer, a bad time for getting a haircut. Last year, I remember, the barber was gone for the whole two weeks and this year my hair already is starting to curl around my collar.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Yet another cancellation?

To the Editor:

I have recently heard that the Santa Claus parade in Minden may not happen this year. Please tell me this isn't so. I cannot believe that council would let yet another event in Minden be cancelled.

I would like to know why Minden council makes no effort at all to keep or attract events to the town. The list of event cancellations in Minden over the past 10 years is quite long so I won't begin to list them all. Even the Fall fair is on its last legs.

It appears that anything that happens in Minden is destined to fail. No won-

der business are abandoning the town or preferring to start up in Haliburton. On the next election we have to elect a new younger council with fresh ideas on how to attract events and business to Minden. Minden council must be stopped from turning this town into a ghost town.

And for the children's sake keep the Santa Claus parade alive and if the parade does not happen I will take my children to council to have them personally explain to them why Santa has abandoned Minden.

Karen Reynolds
Minden

Re-assess market value system

To the Editor:

It is obvious that the Ontario Market Value Assessment process is both mysterious and unfair. It needs to be modified or replaced by a clearer, fairer system.

For now, key responsibility rests with our local elected politicians. They will have to be made to justify any increase in expenditures, beyond a reasonable increase for inflation. If expenditures are tightly controlled, revenue needs can also be held to a modest increase. The tax rates, as applied to new assessments, should be reduced to that amount needed, not desired.

At the very least, tax rates should drop by 35 per cent to reflect the average increase in property assessments. Such a

reduction would still leave waterfront property owners with significant increases. Perhaps we should have a commitment that no tax increase for any property will be larger than three per cent.

Regardless, any elected politician who recklessly votes to raise expenditures in 2006 should be understood to be a tax-gouger, to be turned out of office. Taxpayers and lake associations will need to ensure that our elected politicians and managing officials clearly understand their responsibilities; if they do not, there will be serious fiscal and political turmoil in Haliburton County for years to come.

Bill Lambie
Horseshoe Lake

Let us keep more water

from page 1

While I'm at it, In regards to Neil Campbell's column "So you think you can take on the TSW?", there is a group of us that are trying to get TSW to review their procedure to regulating the water levels on the reservoir lakes.

Those of us who have been cottaging or living up here for the last 50-plus years are fully aware of the fluctuating levels. We are just sick of having out water lines above water at 100 feet from shore and our boats beached at 70 feet from shore on the 15th of August - several weeks shy of "Father?" Nature's Autumn.

Here again, maybe it is something the local tiers of government need to address. The White Water Reserve and Orillia Power also use the much-coveted resource.

Bonnie Fleischaker
Horseshoe Lake

Trick or treater says thanks

To the Editor:

Hi, my name is Mckay Alan Robert Coneybeare. I am seven years old and I live in a friendly town called Minden. On Monday night I went trick or treating. I dressed up as Batman. My mom made my costume for me. I would like to thank everyone in Minden who gave me and all the other kids candy.

Also, I would like to thank everyone in Canada, United States and Ireland that gave out candy to the kids in those places. I think I am very lucky for everything I get.

From Mckay
P.S. Brush your teeth

David ready to take on TSW Goliath

To the Editor:

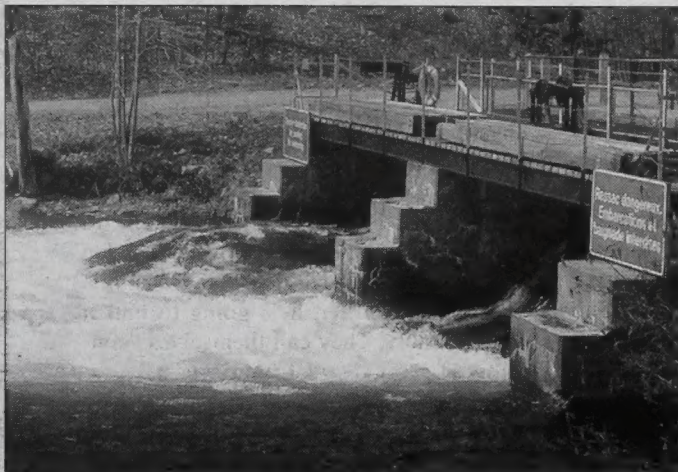
It just keeps getting more ludicrous by the day. I have been away for one week and when I got back I read all my mail. Guess what I received in an envelope from MPAC? My property tax assessment notice for 2005. It changed by 51.95 per cent and under that was a line that said "The average value of residential properties in your municipality changed by 34.67 per cent."

Now let's think about this: one of the reasons my assessment changed to that degree, and many others on these lakes, is because they classify them as lakefront. Well, wait a minute: we DO NOT have lakefront. We DO NOT have sufficient

water in our reservoir lakes to float a rubber ducky. Our lakes are drained by the people who control the dams in our area.

Get together now. If we are classified as lakefront, make sure we have a lake.

They say that assessment increases do not necessarily mean the taxes will increase. Who are they trying to fool? We all know that the increases will be substantial. Tax me at the same rate you do a small 800 sq. ft. bungalow in downtown Minden because I have the same type of frontage.



If the TSW's dams keep letting out Highlands water, then what waterfront is there left to tax?

And in response to Neil Campbell's column last week, does he remember the story about David and Goliath? If not I will be very happy to explain it to him if required. We have a David and Goliath right here in Ontario, Goliath being the Trent Severn Waterway and David being myself and numerous cottagers being abused by the outdated legislation.

I am sure you have seen the commercial where a small boy is swinging a slingshot above his head at a huge shadow. Then, as the commercial pans out numerous people are swinging a slingshot. If that's what it will take to make the powers that be start considering our severe handicap then so be it.

So what's the answer to "So you think you can take on the TSW?" Yes I certainly can and with a lot of assistance from my neighbors on other lakes in the area we will get some action on an archaic legislation.

Anyone, please feel free to contact the writer, and I will send you copies of names and address of politicians I have written to on the issues of assessment and water levels.

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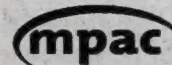
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Great Expectations

Charles Dickens to visit Minden gallery

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

If Charles Dickens Jr. had his way, he'd be able to live off his famous father's fame without having to do much to earn it by himself.

But what do you do when your father never really liked you and you have a wife and six children to support?

You go on a tour of North America to get paid for reading your father's stories.

And what do you do if your booking agent makes a colossal mistake and instead of buying you a train ticket from Chicago to Sante Fe, sends you to this isolated backwater hamlet called Gelert?

You make the most of it.

First you call the president of the Women's Institute, Eustachia Barrett Barnes. And then you arrange a reading of one of your father's short stories at the Minden Cultural Centre on November 26. To make sure you're going to make as much money as you can, you get dressed up in all your Victorian finery and drop by the centre a few weeks early to promote the event.

"Charles Dickens' writing has endured because he writes about people in all social and economic classes, who survive through the most difficult times and the most joyous times you can imagine. And that is the key," a somewhat pompous and yet snivelling Dickens Junior told the *Minden Times* last week. "They survive and carry on. His writing speaks to everyone with a message of hope."

Hope is something Junior needs a lot of. His wife Bessie has social and fiscal aspirations and together they have six children who must be taken care of.

However, any reader who's as good in math as they are in literature is probably

wondering how all of this could be possible. After all, Charles Dickens himself lived from 1812 to 1870 so surely his son is also long dead.

Ah, long dead, but not long forgotten, especially by Minden playwright Michael Fay. Fay, who also dreamed up the re-enactment of Queen Victoria's Jubilee a year and a half ago, is back at it again. He's written a script for the rather implausible scenario described above, and because he has the support of the Minden Hills Museum, local actors and costume queen Caryl Miller, he's going to pull it off admirably. They call themselves "conjurers of great people from the past."

Charles Dickens Junior is played by audience-favourite Tim Nicholson, whose love of dastardly characters infuses his impersonation of the English author's son. His wife, Bessie, who is trying to groom him for an elevated status in society, is played with demure steeliness by Kathryn Boyd. And when it comes to his quick-talking, money-loving Chicago agent, Jimmy Jones, who better than Jim Blake?

The year is 1878. The threesome will leave Gelert on a fictitious horse-drawn cutter and arrive at the Minden Cultural Centre at 7 p.m.. They will be greeted by the Women's Institute, who have prepared a genteel soirée for these important dignitaries. Local teenagers will serve food while guests mingle and admire the Christmas trees and wreaths which local businesses have donated for the silent auction.

At a suitable time, Dickens will then read his father's short story, "A Christmas Dinner."

Hosted by the museum, the evening is a delightful – and free – start to the Christmas season.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

With Jim Blake playing piano as Jimmy Jones, Kathryn Boyd as Bessie Dickens, and Tim Nicholson as Charles Dickens' son Charles, the three local thespians will make the Dickens evening at the Minden cultural Centre highly entertaining. They'll do a reading of *A Christmas Dinner* by, who else?



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Students take to the trails

More than 500 students at four elementary schools in Haliburton County have gone the distance to be physically active.

Over one week in mid-October, participating schools in the Hike Haliburton School Challenge walked a combined distance of 3,500 kilometers. That's equivalent to walking from Toronto to Calgary.

"Not only have students in our community met the challenge, they've really picked up the pace to become active," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Hike Haliburton School Challenge asked students across the county to become more active by taking to the trails this fall.

The participating schools - Stuart Baker Elementary School, JD Hodgson Elementary School, Cardiff Elementary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary

School - competed against each other to see which could cover the most ground and which could earn bragging rights by having the highest participation rate.

In the end, Cardiff Elementary won for its 100 per cent overall student participation.

Other highlights of the School Challenge included:

- Smelly Sneaker Recognition going to several classes for walking more than 200 kilometers. They include the classes of Mrs. Marks-O'Sullivan (Grade 4), Mrs. Coneybeare (Grade 1), Ms. MacDonald (Grade 3) and Miss Hill (Grade 3) at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

- Four classes - one at each of the participating schools - won the draw for free pizza lunches.

- The first 25 classes to sign up for the event received step counters for every student courtesy of Kellogg's.

CARNARVON BOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon, October 25

High Average: Ken Thompson 207; Lillian Mattsson 195
High Single: Bev Hunt 265; Muriel Winterburn 234
High Single HC: Bev Hunt 310; Muriel Winterburn 310
High Triple: Robert McIvor 639; Lillian Mattsson 536
High Triple HC: Chris Hill 758; Barb Milligan 675

Tuesday Night, October 25

High Average: Ken Thompson 229; Marlene Robinson 207
High Single: Dan Harding 272; Marlene Robinson 265
High Single HC: Dan Harding 313; Marlene Robinson 286
High Triple: Ken Thompson 650; Marlene Robinson 752
High Triple HC: Dan Harding 751; Marlene Robinson 815

Wednesday Afternoon, October 26

High Average: Ken Thompson 209; Marie Thompson 177
High Single: John Whitty 244; Carol Snow 217
High Single HC: John Whitty 274; Myra Marshall 288
High Triple: John Whitty 680; Carol Snow 595
High Triple HC: John Whitty 800; Carol Snow 733

Thursday Afternoon, October 27

High Average: Ken Thompson 218; Josie Cheesman 166
High Single: Ken Thompson 296; Inge March 187
High Single HC: Bruno Campagnolo 253; Betty Henderson 243
High Triple: Ken Thompson 749; Josie Cheesman 513
High Triple HC: Vern Chilton 709; Inge March 674



Darrin Lum/TIMES

On to the playoffs

A Red Hawks player gets in the face of the Rams quarterback as the HHSS senior team earned its third shutout in succession during a playoff game against Kenner Collegiate. HHSS romped to a 52 - 0 win against the visiting Rams on Tuesday, Nov. 1. A sideline full of fans cheered the team as the Red Hawks earned their Kawartha final berth against the Adam Scott Lions (last year's COSSA Champions). HHSS is hosting the Lions this Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m.. The defense got two interceptions in the game. Tail back Kevin Crofts ran in two touchdowns in the win.



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It's not only winning that demonstrates achievement

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

HHSS 31
IEW 45

Finding the joy in the season had little to do with wins for the HHSS senior girls basketball team.

"My biggest thing, the thing that impressed me the most, was the improvement of individuals who maybe were not confident and had not played much before," says head coach Nathan Johnson. They came out and got some playing time.

"They became better players than they were. They're much happier playing because of that and felt more confident, felt more part of the team as opposed to just being people who sat on the end of the bench the whole time."

One of those players was forward Robyn Ketner, who improved each game.

"She always seems to be in the right place during the season; she managed to put them down in this game [against the

Wildcats]. She started making them," he said after Haliburton beat the I.E. Weldon Wildcats 45-31 last week. "I was really pleased with that. It's the most she's scored this season."

She scored six points in the last game of the season, her single highest game total.

Second year senior forward Natalia Rico, a consistent performer, led the team with eight points in the final game.

"People don't really talk about her much, but she has been our most consistent player. She's been fabulous that way for us, she always has a good game."

Brittany Hicks on defence and Jesse Dixon on the scoring end were other players who showed improvement and progress.

The loss of point guard Sherri Walker to injury early in the season hurt the



Red Hawks forward Brittany Hicks lunges for a loose ball during the final game of the season.

team. "That's where we noticed it the most because she's so intense. She's so willing to be assertive," he said. However, on the

whole, defence was never an issue for the team, but they struggled to finish, missing open shots and layups.

"Our team is not the most natural of scorers. Defense is their forte especially when they step up in the full court press. They seem to get a lot of turnovers that way," Johnson said.

When the coach assumed the leadership of the team he came into a fortunate situation as far as game schemes. Former coach Roland Zilla taught and employed various offensive and defensive schemes.

"It made my first head coaching task that much easier," he said.

Playing everybody was the main theme of the nine-player squad. He kept a con-

sistent rotation of players every few minutes and his confidence in the players grew as theirs did.

"That's been my philosophy in team sports. If you show equal dedication then you should be rewarded equally. If you get played enough then you'll build up the confidence so your team will be balanced throughout. This is my first experience being able to implement that fully and it did work out quite well. I was impressed," he said. "At the beginning of the year I had perceptions of who would be better than other people and they proved me wrong," he said.

The Red Hawks finished in fourth place with two wins and six losses.

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Hospital wins

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary hosted a bonspiel on Saturday to raise money to purchase new equipment for the Minden emergency hospital and Hyland Crest. With 16 teams entered, Zelda Cooper's rink emerged as the winner at the end of a fun day of curling. The team consists of, from left, Murray Cooper, vice, Zelda Cooper, skip, Gerald Clarke, second, and Julie Clarke, lead. Photo by Martha Perkins.



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Minden Hills councillor swears in with county

Cheryl Murdoch takes a seat at county table following Ross Rigney's retirement

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

The following are brief reports from last Wednesday's county council meeting.

Minden Hills Councillor Cheryl Murdoch took her oath of office for county council. Murdoch was appointed to replace Ross Rigney, the former Minden Hills reeve who was forced to resign because of health issues. The county council appointment will last only until Minden Hills has officially filled its vacancy and has appointed a deputy reeve. The deputy reeve would then automatically sit at the county council table.

DVD

Council got a preview of a promotion video designed to market the county's tourist attractions. Most of the three-minute film was material footage taken from the Haliburton Highlands Co-operative, a non-profit community development agency.

The footage was spliced with some additional shots taken recently that showcased the Delta Pinestone Resort and the newly opened Hawk Lake Log Chute.

Robert Smith, the county's tourism and marketing co-ordinator, said that he has received very positive feedback on the video, which showcases all four municipalities, their economic centres, and other tourist activities.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison liked the video but felt that the footage should also showcase the Stanhope Airport. "Both economically and for tourism it's a very important part," said Harrison.

Destination Guide

The 2006 edition of the Haliburton Highland's Destination Guide will be produced by Essence Publishing for just over \$30,000. It is expected that the project will be "revenue neutral" for the county, with the production costs offset by advertising revenue.

"They do have a track record that they are capable of producing the product we are looking for," Smith said of Essence Publishing.

The aim of the guide is to showcase Haliburton's amenities, tourist attractions, accommodations, and its natural beauty.

Waste management strategy

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey

wants his colleagues to consider the idea of creating a staff position specifically responsible for waste management issues.

Landfill issues currently occupy a large portion of municipal time and money.

As of now, the four municipalities are collectively spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on waste management consulting fees, mostly to SGS Lakefield Research.

Harrison said that it may be beneficial to have a county staff expert who can process the often complicated regulations handed down by the Ministry of Environment.

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman was onside as well, calling it a "waste of money" to have the four municipalities dispensing large sums to consultants when it could be done more economically at the county level.

HHHS debt

Council discussed the issue of the capital loan debt owed by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Being the guarantor of the loan, the county has also claimed responsibility for the interest payments.

Treasurer Laura Janke said the interest for the 2005 fiscal year is expected to be \$43,000, about \$6,000 over the original estimate.

The debt is starting to be considered a drain on the county's budget and has some councillors wishing HHHS had taken their offer to levy it years ago.

"It should have been put to bed in the beginning," said Harrison.

Harrison said she used to have 90 per cent support among her Algonquin Highlands constituents for a tax solution to the debt, a percentage she thinks is half of that now. Fearrey echoed Harrison's remarks.

Housing program

Hope Lee, a staff member with the City of Kawartha Lakes, was on hand to give council information about the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program, which provides conditional funding to municipalities for low-cost rental units. Kawartha Lakes, which has decided to participate in the program, shares responsibility for social housing with the county and wanted to offer councillors information should they also decide to participate.

The county will now have to review its need for social housing and its ability to support it.

Dorset Recreation Centre has new youth worker

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The following are briefs from the October 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Robbie Drebbitt is the new Community Access Program Youth Worker at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The position is fully funded and administered by the Ontario Library Association. Drebbitt began on October 11 and his contract is slated until February 28, 2006.

The youth writing contest, part of the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival, has received high acclaim from a teacher in Chapleau, near Wawa.

Lisle Terry, a Grade 7 and 8 teacher at Chapleau Public School, commended Tiina Heathcock of the Dorset Library for her writing contest and shared with her what it meant for her students in Chapleau to have been able to participate. Terry's letter was shared with council.

"Your contest touched the lives of every child in my class," Terry said in her letter. "It meant so much to my students to have

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Writing Contest at Dorset

Bear Lake Road will continue to hibernate

Seasonal road will not be maintained this winter, councillors say

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their work and effort recognized by someone outside of the community."

"We will continue to enjoy the Poetry Collection that you sent us," she added. "It is truly a wonderful gift. Thank you."

New truck for roads

Brian Whetstone, Roads Superintendent, is finally receiving a new truck. Earlier this year, council had tendered for a 2005 4x4 pick up truck and there were no responses.

Council re-tendered for a 2006 vehicle and the Curry Motors' bid for \$34,830 was accepted at council.

The 2006 4x4 GMC pick-up truck will be used for plowing as well as other assorted roads department tasks.

Bear Lake Road

Despite complaints from at least one ratepayer, the Bear Lake Road will remain as it is. Currently it is maintained as a seasonal road. Providing that the road meets

the maintenance conditions for a seasonal road, it will not be upgraded to a higher class of road.

Whetstone and council are in the process of scheduling repairs to many roads in Algonquin Highlands; Bear Lake Road is not one of them.

Christmas basket

The 2005 Minden Food Bank Community Christmas Basket Campaign is going to happen this year without the direct

financial support from council. While councillors agreed that it was a worthy cause, current policy precludes them from donating directly to the campaign.

"It is pretty hard to pick and choose who's the most needy," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We do not make direct donations."

Councillor Jim Hicks suggested passing on information about the campaign to the various council committees. Council agreed.

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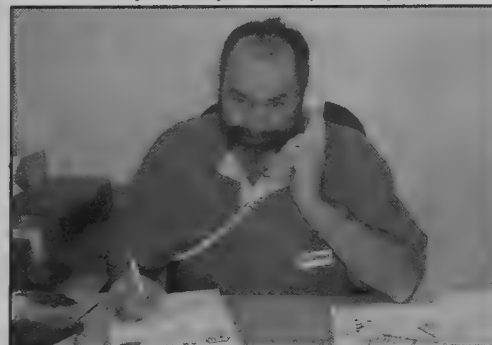


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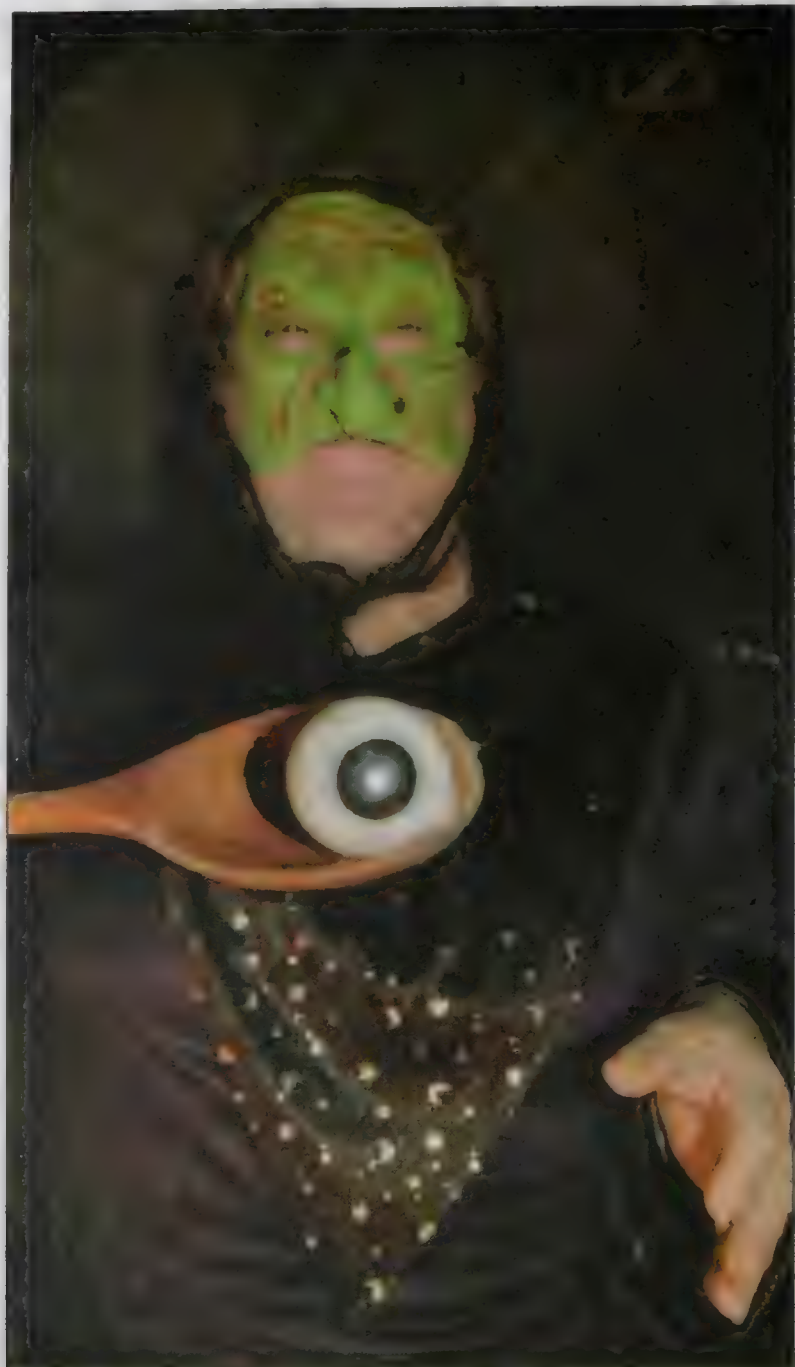
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Costume cavalcade

Eyeball Soup (left) was on the menu at Moore Falls Fright Night. Photo by Bryn Weese.

"Baby" Kendra Anderson (above) celebrated Hallowe'en at the Dominion Hotel. Photo by Shawn Chamberlin.

With candy, a spooky haunted house and great costumes, the Ontario Early Years Centre celebrated Hallowe'en in style on Thursday October 27. This little purple wizard (left) looked a little blue on her rocking horse. Photo by Bryn Weese.

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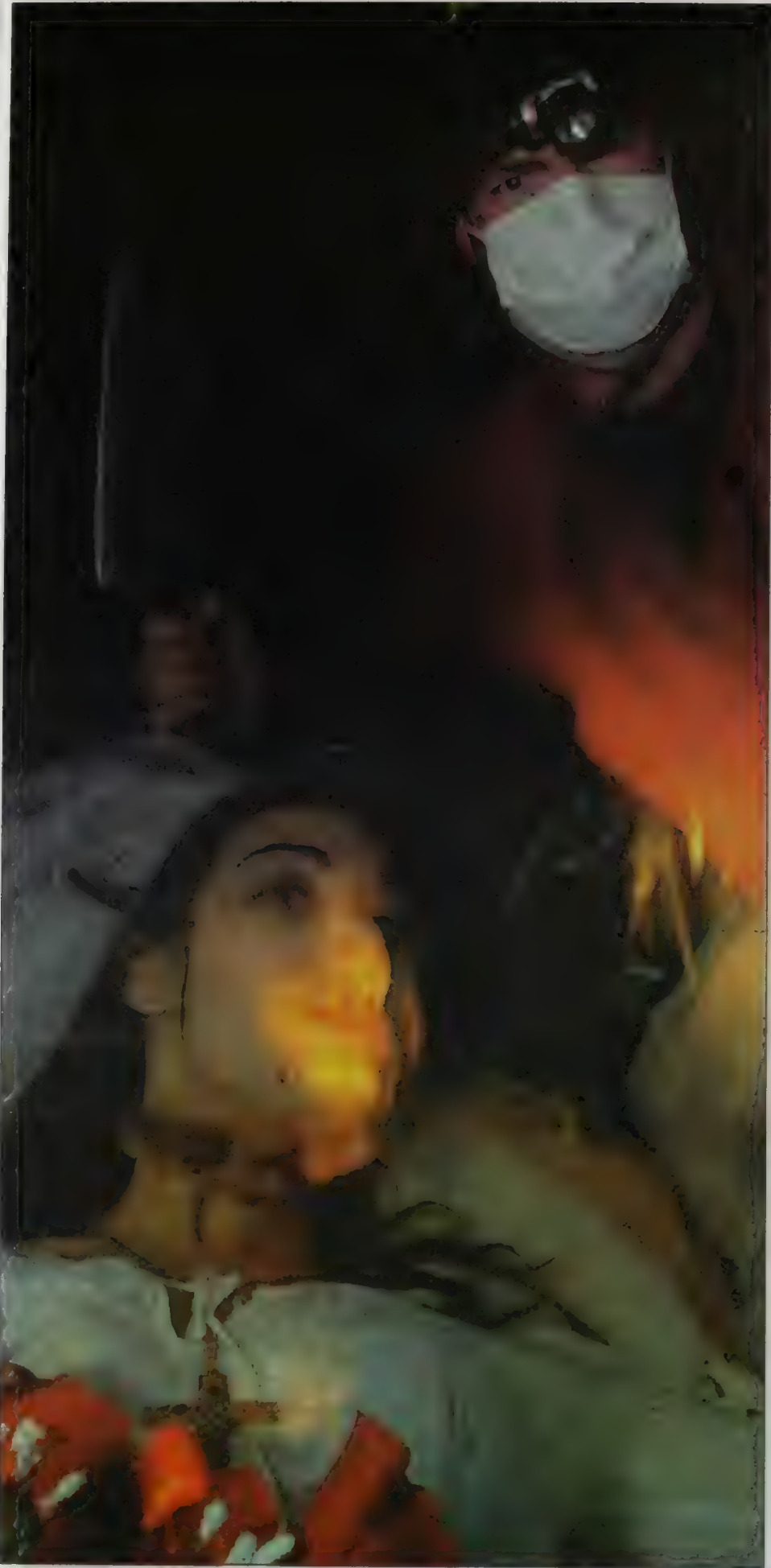
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Very scary

Hallowe'en was a happening event all over Haliburton County. In Carnarvon, the Pine Reflections Garden Centre was transformed into a haunted house where a corpse-like bride was attacked by an axe-wielding maniac (above) and the jack-o'-lanterns glowed mysteriously (centre).

Lucas Bortolussi, 5, (right) took little comfort on the back of his dad Claudio. (Photos by Darren Lum.)

And, above right, the graveyard was downright ghoulish in Moore Falls on Friday night. Photo by Bryn Weese.

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Do something artsy this fall at art gallery

There's plenty happening at the Agnes Jamieson

The following are upcoming events at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Painting Workshops with Karen Sloan
Wednesdays, November 9, 16, 23, 30 - 9 a.m. to noon

This casual series of painting workshops is intended for people who want to explore painting florals. You are encouraged to use your choice of media. If you know the work of Studio Tour artist Karen Sloan, you know she'll "bring out the bold" in your painting. Bring your own supplies including sketchpad and pencils. \$25 for all four sessions. Please call 286-3763 to reserve a space.

Movie Night - National Film Board
Thursday, November 10 - 7 p.m.

See the National Film Board's fascinating biography of renowned Canadian painter Marc-Aurèle de Foy Suzor-Côté. This artist's body of work was the forerunner of a revolution in painting that swept Quebec in the 1940s. Admission by donation.

Bus Tour to Catherine the Great Exhibit at AGO
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Saturday, November 26, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction
Saturday, November 26, 7 - 9 p.m.

Minden Hills Museum is organizing an exciting Christmas Tree & Wreath auction. Watch for the extraordinary trees - decorated by businesses, organizations and individuals - which will be on display around Minden November 22 - 25. Cast your bids and attend the Dickens Christmas event at the Cultural Centre where winners will be announced. Call 286-3154.



Generous gingerbread

Local businesses have donated 10 decorated trees and nine decorated wreaths to raise funds for the Minden Cultural Centre. The businesses will be displaying their season's greetings at their establishments until November 22 when they will be put on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. They will be auctioned off at the gallery as part of its Charles Dickens evening on November 26. Rick and Debbie Mansfield of Mansfield Plumbing are displaying their tree, filled with gingerbread delights, at the gallery.

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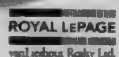
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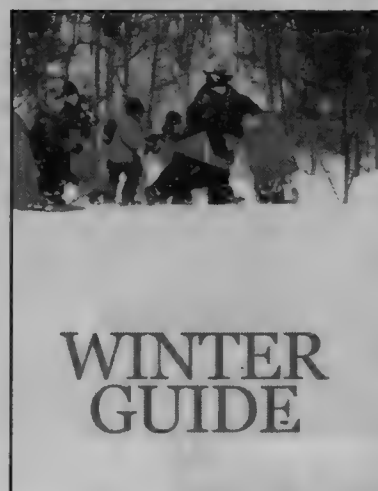
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Winter Guide

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'Twas a damp and chilly day ...

Even though it was a damp and chilly October day when the Minden Rotary Club hosted the Group Study Exchange Team from Sao Paulo, Brazil, the team members were kept warm and cheered by individuals from the Minden community who graciously took the time to showcase various aspects of their businesses. The Group Study Exchange is a Rotary program which encourages professional and vocational exchanges between countries for a period of four to eight weeks. The enthused and energetic team from Brazil was thoroughly entranced by the artisans and craftsmen in the area. Shown here at Wintergreen are Hemerson Calgaro, an agronomic engineer, Bill Obee, Minden Rotary President, Oscar Presutto, a retired Lieutenant fireman and team leader, Andresa Alves, lawyer, Joanne Penfold, Rotarian, Ana Moretto, computer systems analyst, and Carla Ferreira, university professor of English. Not only did they learn about maple syrup production in Haliburton County, but they also had opportunities to see the creation of the raku pottery at Studio Rose, and learn more about local arts and crafts at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. A team from District 7010 will be travelling to Brazil in early 2006 to experience first-hand the culture and economic life of Brazil.

Volunteers honoured

Several Highlands residents were recently awarded an Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

Youth volunteers (under the age of 24) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. Adults are recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 or more years of continuous service. Recipients are presented with stylized trillium pins and personalized certificates at special ceremonies held across the province.

The following are the recipients from Community Care Haliburton County (formerly Home Support Services): Eva Adkins, 15 years, Shirley Brown, 10 years, and Arnold Brown, 10 years, of Dorset; Royce Bain, 10 years, Jean Fletcher, 20 years, and Wendy Rivers, 10 years, Haliburton; and Adele Barnes, 20 years, of Wilberforce.

Dorothy Heath of Kinmount was recognized for five years with Community Care Somerville. Betty and Jack Corbett of Norland were recognized for 10 years with Community Care Cobocok.



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Year's just zipping by at Hyland Crest

Minden Rotary club pays for a bus rental so residents can enjoy a fall tour

What a dull day it is today and we hear the weather is going to be cooler. Oh well, it's that time of year so one must expect it.

The year is just zipping by. Before it passes us we must tell you about the goings on here at Hyland Crest.

Our month started off with a fall colour tour. Don Holden, Lilian Harrison, Blanche Wright, Cecil Smith, Marvel Eager, Ella Toye, Lilian Millar and Dorothy Shaddock all had a wonderful time gazing at the beautiful colours and just getting out in the fresh air. The highlight was seeing four deer at the side of the road. We stopped the bus and watched them in awe for awhile before they headed back into the forest. What an amazing time we had. Thank you to Donna for being such a terrific bus driver and to the Minden Rotary Club for donating money to rent the bus so we could enjoy this outing.

We heard that Highland Wood had a wonderful for-

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

mal dinner. Residents decked out in their finest attire enjoyed a wonderland of fall colours, lights and ribbons. Connie Sisson and Kim Britton received rave reviews on a job well done. Ginger Kulas also played an important role in this wonderful event, donating table favours, making a mountain of bows and lending the home all the lights and many fall decorations.

It is people like Ginger who enrich the lives of others and deserve a huge thank you for her kind and caring ways. God bless her.

Our music this month was outstanding as always. We enjoyed the Norland Hillbillies, Down Memory Lane, Gord Kidd, Northern Jam and the Hot Flashes. Kathleen Owens was also here to play the piano for

us and did a fantastic job. Earl Cooper and Les Schell usually come, too, but were feeling under the weather. We hope they are feeling better.

Tea parties this month were hosted by Minden Women's Institute, Minden Legion Ladies, Kinmount Anglican Church and Haley's Group. The goodies these ladies bring are always scrumptious and we have so much fun and fellowship together. We were thrilled at one of our tea parties when Annie Lewis visited from Highland Wood, and Pearl and Maxine also dropped by to say hi; so nice to see all of them.

Our movie this month was a Tommy Hunter flick followed by Red Skelton and you could hear the laughter all through the halls. Lilian Harrison, Doris Foster, Mary Goldsmith, Joan Kernohan, Inez Riel, Carrie Vasey, Blanche Wright and Marvel Eager loved watching these favourites and Katrina and Hitch did a great job hosting this program.

Our men were spoiled again this month with a fabulous meal of homemade chicken pot pie, mouthwatering bread right from the oven smothered with butter. It was topped off with warm apple pie and ice cream. Harvey MacIntosh, Joe Palicka, James Chambers, Bill Rankin, Doug Adamson, Karl Barry, Cecil Smith and Alex Stevenson all agreed it was a meal fit for a king. A huge thank-you to Kim Warburton for all her help at Men's Club.

The Allsaw Gospel singers were here again last Sunday to bring fellowship. The love shown by this group is incredible.

The Ol' Time Fiddlers from Bobcaygeon were here the other day and we all made the trek down to the auditorium along with our friends from the Day Centre to listen to this amazing group of men play their fiddles and guitars. You couldn't keep Betty Sawyer, Alex Stevenson and Loretta Nesbitt off the dance floor while the rest of us tapped our toes and sang along. What fun we had.

Rod Tousaw, Gord Kennedy, Olive and Weldon and friends were also here this month. We are so blessed to have such gifted people in our community willing to come and share their talents with us. Thanks to all.

Ghosts, black cats and bats are hanging everywhere throughout our home and the other day we got into the Hallowe'en spirit by carving pumpkins. Barb and Fern came to help and we all watched as Joan Kernohan dug right in and hollowed them out.

We had many onlookers who didn't really want to get their hands inside those pumpkins but they enjoyed watching, and Trish Aggett (one of our healthcare aides) took home some seeds to roast and brought them back for us to taste. Thank you, Trish.

The front entrance, as always, looks wonderful, again thanks to Ginger Kulas, our hairdresser who so kindly donates her time and all the flowers. If you are in the front lobby check out the beautiful pumpkin lit up, also compliments of Ginger also.

Everyone looked forward to our Hallowe'en Party with the Hot Flashes. Excitement ran high as we anticipated a visit from our little trick-or-treaters. We love seeing these adorable children in their costumes and we thank all the moms and dads for bringing them in.

Thank you to Katrina and Hitch for their candy donations for our little ghosts and goblins.

We welcome Janine Taylor - we wish her the best in her new job as activity co-ordinator.

That's all for now and we'll be back with all our news next month. God Bless.



People's choice

Well, the people have had their say. Over the past few weeks, visitors to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's Members' Show have been given the opportunity to vote for their favourite piece. The show is a celebration of the essence of art, says gallery curator Laurie Carmount when she announced the winners on Saturday. Hugh Thornton's oil painting, Summer Stroll, garnered the most votes. Coming in second was Sylvia Rose's raku vase. (She is not in the photo.) And Sue Reid's quilted rendition of an East Coast seascape earned her the third prize. The Friends of Fleming College also gave the gallery a \$300 bursary to give to the deserving artist of their choice. Gallery volunteers awarded it to Sarah Jowett, who's in her fifth year at the Ontario College of Art and Design. Jowett, who had a painting in the show, gets to choose a course at the Haliburton School of the Arts. Photo by Bryn Weese.



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MPP Deb Matthews, left, and Harry McAvoy from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada presented a Certificate of Recognition to Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, at the Ontario Legislature. Photo submitted.

MPP's mentoring earns her special recognition

Big Brothers Big Sisters presents Laurie Scott with award

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton, MPP Laurie Scott was recognized at the Ontario Legislature for her outstanding commitment to mentoring in her community.

"Our agency nominated Laurie Scott for this special recognition by our national organization, because she has been a consistent supporter of mentoring, and has demonstrated a personal commitment to addressing the needs of at-risk children in our community through the Big Brothers

Big Sisters program. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that every child in Haliburton County who needs a mentor has a mentor", said Jim DeFlorio, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton.

The award was presented at a reception at Queen's Park on October 19. MPP Deb Matthews, who is board chair of Big Sisters of London and a passionate supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of

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Is the freezer really a good place to stash knitting?

Patti thinks about deep freezing her yarn in preparation for the Nov. 19 Christmas bazaar

The gold of the tamaracks in sharp contrast to their evergreen cousins brightened our trip to Lindsay yesterday. As months go, November has never been a personal favourite but, according to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, Indian summer can occur any time between St. Martin's Day (November 11) and the 20th. Let's hope so.

Here at the old farmhouse needles click away in preparation for the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild's Christmas Bazaar coming up on Saturday, November 19 at the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fellow knitter Ida kindly passed along a great article from the November 2004 issue of *Chatelaine*. In it the writer, Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, confesses to being a yarn addict resorting to hiding her stash from family in unusual places including the bottom of the piano and the freezer.

To date our freezer contains only edibles but, come the next yarn sale, the possibility excites.

For a delicious turkey dinner "with all the trimmings" join neighbours and friends at the Galway Hall this Saturday, November 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Galway Hall Committee and tickets can be pur-



AROUND THE TOWN

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If you're like me and turkey is one of your favourite foods you'll want to know that another popular fowl supper will be held on Saturday, November 12 by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Kinmount Legion from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with tickets available at the door.

The next regular meeting of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association will be held at the Galway Hall on Saturday, November 12th from 10 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker Lynda Kerr, co-ordinator of Community Care Peterborough's Harvey office, will provide information on what the Community Care program can do for our residents in the Galway Community and what we in Galway can do in return for Community Care Peterborough.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

was tops for the gents and Roger Fournier low man. Our reporter Theresa Deak won for both lone hands and the special draw.

October 27 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Gala Stamp and Marcel Roussel with Pat Roussel and Bob Cleverly recording the evening's highs. Hazel Dorman and John Mallon tallied up the low scores while Flo Roussel, Lois Adamson, Don Hicks, Maxine Cross and Jim Bradbury won the other prizes.

October 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First place went to Ross Davies and Carol McCord at 63% with Vange Croucher and Chuck Wilson next at 55% and Ev Vanderland partnered with Bruce Armstrong third at 54%.

October 28 euchre at Stanworth Court, Minden: Our reporter Doreen Francis won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Elaine Yeo for the draw.

October 28 bid euchre at Club 35: Pat Scadden, Stan Dutka, Pearl Cowen [2], Jack Cox, Cliff Davison, Chris Clarke and Ray Sisson took the moonshots while Dick Coffey held the hidden score. For the pinks Marj Coffey and Olive Jones tied for top spot at 270 with Helen Windsor next at 267 and Pearl Cowen 265 third. Stan Dutka led the whites at 319 followed by Ray Sisson 264 and Pat Scadden 255.

October 29 bid euchre at Stanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshot quartet members were Helen Henderson, Pat Scadden, June Branning and Isobel Cherwenka with Emily Harvie, Theresa Deak and Marcy Morgan taking the draws. Helen Henderson was first for the pinks at 278 then Elli Langpohl 238 and Edith Burch 237. Isobel Cherwenka was high for the white cards at 294 with Marcel Roussel next at 260 and Pat Bailey tied with Pat Scadden for third at 251.

October 30 euchre at Stanworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster won for high hands, Hazel Dorman for lone hands, Helen Skelding for low hands and Pat Bailey for the special prize. Elaine Yeo reminds that cards will now return to the regular Monday evening time slot.

October 31 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: High score honours went to Marjorie Paradis with Mildred St. Thomas second high. Moonshots went to Roger Fournier, Theresa Deak [2], Phyllis Windsor, Thelma Francis, Marg Viney along with Vic Ballik who also won the draw.

October 31 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: For most lone hands it was Pearl Cowen and Lorne Dinesen with Gertie Ripley and Mabel Deacon winning the special prizes. Verna McDonald and Tim Sharpe recorded the afternoon's high scores, Lorna Hicks and Laura Carnegie had the lows and Betty Sharpe held the hidden score.

October 25 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Top spot went to Georgina Parkes at 292 then Pat Roussel 285 and Don Burch 279. Moonshots landed on Marcel Roussel, Don Burch and Tom Grix while Bob Bishop, Elli Langpohl, Marcel Roussel and Chris Clarke won the other prizes.

October 25 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Betty Hicks reports a good crowd with Don Curry high man and Gala Stamp both high lady and special prize winner. Low score holders were Hazel Benetin and Gala Newell while Joyce Schellenberg took lone hand honours.

October 25 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first place were Laura Carnegie and Alf Briscoe at 321 then Joan Meadows teamed with George Bye 255. Tied for third at 231 were Shirley Alderton and Pearl Cowen and Helen Skelding partnered with Hazel Dorman. The afternoon's low score went to Grace Berardi and Moe Briscoe with 143.

October 25 contract bridge at Stanhope: There was one Small Slam played by Ray Moore and Chuck Wilson with Jan Heaven partnered with Ev Morgan completing a Grand Slam. Leading the high scores was Ray Moore 6690 followed by Jan Heaven 5830, Muriel McIntosh 5210 and Harold Cox 4790. Edith Kolarek won the lucky draw, Dave Heaven the Shiny Penny and for Ray Moore the C.T.B. award for being Clearly The Best.

October 26 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell System first place went to Bill Sandford and Ross Davies at 65% then Helen Rice and Brock Cromwell at 57% with a three way tie for third spot. Thanks to Ross Fletcher for all our bridge coverage.

October 26 bid euchre at Stanhope: Seven moonshots rained down on George Bye, Dick Coffey, Marnie Butler, Linda Lambert and Bill Milford along with Pat and Jean Scadden. Pearl Cowen led the pinks at 290 then Verna McDonald 280 and Trudy Kroes 278. For the whites Bev Swick was first at 289 with Chris Clarke next at 278 and Garth Windsor 277 third.

October 26 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Marcy Morgan was high and Thelma Francis low while Mike St. Thomas



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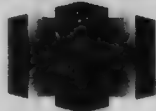
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Effective Monday, November 21, 2005, the new OHIP address will be:

Robinson Place
300 Water Street
Main Floor within the ServiceOntario Centre

The OHIP office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For general inquiries call: 1-800-268-1154.



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2005 Remembrance Day Services

Sunday, November 6th

Burnt River Cenotaph 9:00 a.m.

Kinmount Cenotaph 11:00 a.m.

Ladies Auxilliary will be providing lunch at Branch 441
Following Sunday services

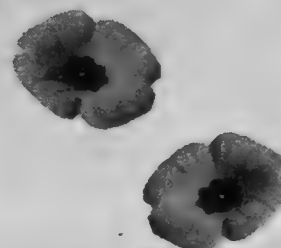
Wednesday, November 9th

Gelert Cemetery 2:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11th

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As such, the lease agreement requires that the GCH council accept the annual nominations to the Foundation committee's liaison sub-committee, which co-ordinates upgrades to the health centre and deals with the contractors and trades people concerned with its ongoing operations.

The names approved with appreciation by council are Ted Wilkes, who is also chair of the Foundation committee, Jean Anderson, its Secretary-Treasurer, Patrick Healy, its Vice-Chair, and Matt Dunn, a recently-confirmed director.

The Foundation committee also comprises Joyce Brown as Recording Secretary and Directors Vic Balik, John Blackmore, Roni Brelsford, Joanne MacDonald, John Huke, Linda McGillivray, Denise Maclem and Dave Warren.



Bryn Weese took this photo of wild turkeys as they headed into a field off the Scotch Line Road near Minden.

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Wild turkeys star at Field Naturalists meeting Nov. 16

Were you aware that wild turkeys all but disappeared from Ontario in the early 1900s due to habitat loss and unregulated hunting?

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Hunters, and the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, restoration efforts began in 1984. Today, Ontario's wild turkey population is estimated at more than 60,000 birds and continues to grow.

Perhaps you've sighted these birds along the highways in

Haliburton or at your home bird feeder. Now is your opportunity to learn more about them.

On Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists group will hold its monthly general meeting in the Haliburton

Museum. Colin Higgins from the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources office will on the wild turkey trap and release program just being completed in Ontario.

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

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New learning and retreat facility hosts workshop Nov. 19

If you complain you're too busy and are always rushing to accomplish more than 24 hours can hold, here's a day to take a break and pay attention to nature's pace of life. On Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Brenda Peddigrew is leading a workshop entitled Learning Stillness from the Natural World. We can learn stillness from nature when we allow it to carry us in a slower rhythm than we can establish ourselves. In doing so, Peddigrew says, we find healing and a restoration of vitality.

Peddigrew is an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program at St Stephen's College at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. An international consultant in facilitation and conflict resolution, she is an experienced leader. In this program, Brenda offers ways to personal peace and renewal by re-connecting to nature.

The program is being held at Gaia Centre, the new learning and retreat facility that promotes sustainability through a new spirituality of work. It is located



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west of Haliburton and east of Camarvon. You can get to the centre by turning north off Highway 118 onto Stanhope Airport Road. At its end, turn left onto Barry's Line and then right onto Cameron Lane. Gaia Centre is at 1032 Cameron Lane. When you see the earth, you're there! To register, call (705) 754 2427 or check out the website at www.gaiacentre.org.

Family and friends of Ruth Cummings were sorry to hear of her passing last week. At the age of 74, Ruth did not seem to have passed her allotted three score and 10 years. She retained a youthful look and smile. She was a kind person and did not always say much, given the gregarious nature of her husband and the relatives who surrounded her in the Highlands.

She was born into a family of 11 brothers and sisters of proud Indian heritage. Her father had worked for the railroad. They did not have a lot of money as many families in those days, but if they wanted to go somewhere, they could travel for free by rail. As a child, she grew up in Mimico, west of Toronto.

Dolores Johnson remembers Ruth as "kind of a quiet person, easy going and never ruffling feathers. All she talked about were her seven grandchildren."

This was not unusual given that family was so important to her and she spent her life looking after her husband and five children. As an army wife, life had her travelling around with her husband Bruce. One of their children was born in Germany. Looking after people was second nature to Ruth and she was known to offer help to friends or family members who were ill.

Having retired to Halls Lake in the Highlands 20 years ago, Ruth spent her time playing cards with friends, going out

to bingo, bowling and watching her beloved golf on TV. She rarely travelled farther afield than Peterborough or Ottawa, and only to visit her children. She will be missed by her husband, Bruce, her children, her grandchildren and her eight surviving brothers and sisters.

Jack Brezina will be speaking at the next Lunch and Learn session hosted by Friends of the Library on Wednesday, November 16. Brezina travelled to Devon Island in the High Arctic this summer to work as a chef for scientists who were doing simulations of work they might do if they were living on other planets.

He has some fascinating tales with which to regale his audience. Lunch will be held at Mark's Restaurant in Minden from 11:30 until 1 p.m. To reserve one of the 28 spots, call Robert McIvor at 754-9747 at least two days in advance. Don't miss experiencing Jack's inimitable ability to charm, educate and make people laugh.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878.

Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.



NOTICE OF A THIRD PUBLIC MEETING FOR A NEW TOWNSHIP ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act on:

**Thursday November 24, 2005
at 2:00 p.m.
at the Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden Ontario K0M 2K0**

The purpose of the Third Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on a proposed Zoning By-Law that will apply to the entire Municipality and which is intended to replace By-Law # 3-78 (former Township of Snowdon Zoning By-Law), By-Law # 86-26 (former Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden) and By-Law # 4-81 (former Township of Lutterworth), all as amended.

The proposed Zoning By-Law will affect all lands within the Township, therefore no map is provided as part of this notice.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-Law is to prohibit the use of land and the erection of buildings and structures except for such purposes as are set out in this Zoning By-Law and to regulate the type of construction, height, bulk, location, size, floor area, spacing, character and use of buildings or structures on the lands covered by this By-Law. This Zoning By-Law is intended to conform with and implement the policies contained within the Township's Official Plan.

The Zoning By-Law contains a number of new definitions, new lot standards and provides additional regulations for such uses as boathouses, sleeping cabins, home industries, home occupations, and tourist establishments.

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-Law, including a copy of the draft Zoning By-Law, will be available for inspection after November 11th, 2005, at the Township Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm). The proposed By-Law will be posted on the Township's web site after November 11th, 2005 at www.minden.on.ca.

Any person or agency may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-Law.

Re: Highland Gates Estates: The owner has requested a rezoning of some of his lands in part of Lot 3 & 4, Concession A, Township of Anson to allow the relocation of specific residential uses to alternate locations on the property. This change has been included on the proposed By-Law.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed Zoning By-Law does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting, or make a written submission to the Township before the proposed Zoning By-Law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-Law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township.

Once Council has received all of the information that it feels is required, it may defer, reject or approve the Zoning By-Law or may approve the Zoning By-Law with amendments.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills on the 3rd day of November, 2005.

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 05-119 APPLICANT - Marcus Beach Cottage Association RZ-05-11-RZ-05-12

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 05-119 on the 27th day of October, 2005 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the day of 23rd day of November, 2005, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

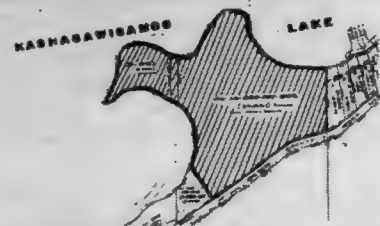
THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to change the zoning located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lots 30 and 31, Concession 4, from Tourist Commercial (C4) Zone to Tourist Commercial Exception 53 (C4*53) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit the lands to be used for the development of an internal ownership cottage resort consisting of 19 detached dwelling units.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map attached.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' Municipal office, during regular office hours.

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Oh how we've longed to see you again.
To look into your eyes once more.

To know what you would have contributed to life.
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Now we dread for "That day" to arrive.

And we know how other families feel.
That day draws nigh for us to cry again.
And that terrific pain is just as real
For the day that our Shaun left our side;
It's a day that we want to erase.
Oh how it brings such misery & pain for us.
Now oh yes now, it's here for us to face!

We'll need a helping hand to get through each hour that passes us by.
We'll need some hands to help us stand and ears to hear us cry.
So take a moment this day and think of us.
Your prayers will see us through.

And when the sun goes down tomorrow...
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Love **Dwayne, Tammy, Tanner & Carleigh.**

WARBURTON, LILA - In memory of Lila Warburton, who passed Nov. 3rd, 2004.
Mom's life is a beautiful memory
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She sleeps in God's beautiful garden,
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We miss her, oh how much,
But realize God knew best,
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WARBURTON, LILA - In memory of Lila Warburton who has passed November 3rd, 2004.
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- **Nov. 3:** Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) is offering a How to Talk So Kids Will Listen program. 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please call 457-2989 to register.
- **Nov. 3:** Join Wheels to Meals at the Minden Legion beginning at 12 noon. Call Myrtle Bouthorn at 754-1711 to register for this fun filled luncheon. Wheels to Meals are available to seniors and adults with disabilities and their caregivers.
- **Nov. 4:** Christmas Luncheon - Bake Sale & White Elephant Sale at Minden United Church on Friday, November 4th starting at 11:30 a.m. Preschool children free.
- **Nov. 5:** Bake & Craft Sale - Sat., Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Wilberforce Watson Centre. Proceeds to United Churches.
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- **Nov. 5:** Xmas Craft & Bake Sale, Sat., Nov. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Parklane Apts., 1 Victoria St., Haliburton. Proceeds from bake table will be donated to the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the 4 C's.
- **Nov. 6:** Minden Health Care Auxiliary are presenting a Fall Fashion Show by "My Size", starting at 1:30 p.m. at Hyland Crest Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained from Billie Shuyler 286-4531 or at the Auxiliary Gift Shop.
- **Nov. 6:** Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner for Tall Oaks Christian Academy, Sun., Nov. 6th. Open House 4-5 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. Camp Medeba, West Guilford. Call the school at 754-9364 for the cost and to make your reservation.
- **Nov. 8:** No Wine and Cheese Party - Join us for food, fun, fundraising and shopping! We'll have a door prize or two as well. Browse the latest products our popular home-based businesses have to offer! Hosted by: OEYC Haliburton on Tuesday, Nov. 8 (Halco Plaza); Starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. The following vendors will be here to help you start your Holiday Shopping off right! Discovery Toys, Home and Gift, The Pampered Chef, Usborne Books.
- **Nov. 8:** The Haliburton Highlands Spinner and Weavers invite you to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1:30 at Pritchard House. Minden, Program - Reviewing basics of Structure and color in hand weaving, with Judy Chapman.
- **Nov. 9:** The Regular Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place upstairs at the Minden Legion, doors open at 6 p.m., elections for the 2006 Executive at 6:30 p.m. and the annual "fun night" - at 7 p.m. We will also be celebrating the 15th anniversary of HHGG with a cake for everyone to enjoy. No charge. Everyone welcome. For more info please call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Nov. 9:** Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a Parent-Child Mother Goose program. Held at St. Paul's Church in Minden from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Call 286-1770 to register.
- **Nov. 9:** Join Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton is offering a Cooking with Kids program. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Please call 457-2989.
- **Nov. 9:** Join Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung's Restaurant, Haliburton. Call Aileen Bruce at 457-3375 to reserve. Wheels to Meals is a Community Care service which provides a nutritious meal at a central location on pre-arranged days. Meals are at a fixed rate.
- **Nov. 10:** Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Movie Night, 7 p.m. Join us in the Common Room to see National Film Board's fascinating biography of renowned Canadian painter Marc-Aurele de Foy Suzor-Cote. This artist's body of work became the forerunner of a revolution in painting that swept Quebec in the 1940's. Admission by donation.
- **Nov. 10:** Kawartha Settlers' Village - 8th annual Kawartha Lakes Festival of Trees, 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon (under the water tower). Thurs., Nov. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 13. Thurs. 5-9 p.m., Fri. 1-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Toy Drive: Bring a new toy. Senior Luncheon; Children's Magical morning pancake breakfast; Visit with Santa; Twilight Auction. For more info. call (705) 738-6163.

- **Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** monthly meeting - held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Lest We Forget** - The Haliburton Highlands Museum presents a tribute to those who served. Our Remembrance Exhibit runs through November. Yes we are open on November 11th. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** is meeting at Camp Adelaide every 2nd Wednesday of each month. This month there is "Stash to Cash", so members can buy or sell fabrics and there will be refreshments during intermission. The door is open from 10 a.m., so that we can work on any projects and the meeting starts at 1 p.m. New members are always welcome.
- **If you are a senior (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+)** and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. If you would like more information on activities available through Home Support, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library.** Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT** A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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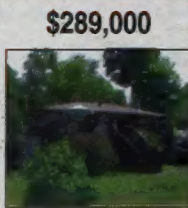
Troy Austen
457-1011 ext. 231

HALIBURTON HOME
Thinking of moving to Haliburton? This beautiful 4 bdrm home is situated on a 4.85 acre lot. Walk to town, stocked pond, quality built, 3 baths, plenty of living space.



\$374,000

SOYERS LAKE
3 bdrm WF home/cottage. 4 pc bath, main floor laundry, 175 ft of shoreline, big lake view, deep water for swimming and dry boat house.



\$289,000



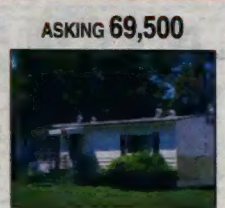
Bill Kulas
286-2911 ext. 44

WATERFRONT HOME
Picturesque setting on Gull River, only a short boat ride to Gull Lake. This modern, custom built raised bungalow built only 3 years ago is value priced for a quick sale! Open concept design, oak kitchen, laminate flooring, large deck with a full basement, many extras. Call Bill Kulas today to view.



ASKING \$219,500

HUNTER CREEK ESTATES
Situated at #1013 Fourth Lane, this 2 bdrm home is available for immediate occupancy. Open concept w/attached sun room, all appliances included, paved drive and detached garage. Level, landscaped and nicely treed lot. A must see! Call Bill Kulas today.



ASKING 69,500



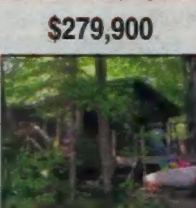
Ken Barry & Deb Deremo
457-1011 exts. 228 & 232

HIGHWAY 118
Tastefully decorated and remodeled 4 bdrm home within minutes of Haliburton Village. Bright LR with pine cathedral ceilings, master bdrm, w/wood burning FP & 2 pc ensuite, lg entertainment deck & nice, level property. Many newer upgrades including windows, flooring, workshop, oil furnace & septic. A must see!



\$179,900

WATERFRONT COTTAGE
3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5 lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove & attached sunroom. Detached bunkie to accommodate family & friends, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & south-west exposure compliment this perfect starter cottage.

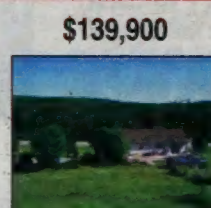


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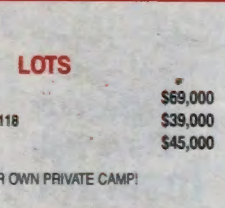
Lynda Litwin
286-2911

COUNTRY CHARM
Bright, sunny family home w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large FR w/woodstove. Screened-in porch, deck on front and back.



\$139,900

LOTS
GULL RIVER
ACREAGE ON HWY 118
EAGLE LAKE LOT
ACREAGE FOR YOUR OWN PRIVATE CAMP!



\$69,000
\$39,000
\$45,000



Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman
457-1011 ext. 242

PARADISE LAKE
4 season bungalow with a full bsmt that is partially finished with a rec room and a 2 pc bath. 3 bedroom cottage or home located close to the town of Haliburton. Many extra features include stone FP in living room, eat-in kitchen, bunkie or greenhouse, stone path that leads to the water's edge. For more information call Geoff or Miranda.



\$169,000

GREAT STARTER HOME
Great starter home looking for your finishing touches. Cute one bedroom home located close to the town of Goodenham, on a pretty lot. Many extra features included. Great opportunity for do-it-yourself buyers. For more information call Geoff or Miranda.



\$69,000



Rick Lowes
286-2911 ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT
Level, private and a beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. Call now!

KUSHOG LAKE
Custom built executive 3 bdrm cottage/home. Loads of extras. Includes bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. Call now!



\$354,000



Fred Chapple
286-2911 ext. 43

CIRCA 1870 LOG HOME
Totally restored, 200 amp service, new wiring, plumbing, oil furnace & tank, A/C, FR w/fireplace & thermo windows. Drilled well, 30x50 barn in good condition, 20x40 drive shed. All this on 100 acres. Seller will hold 1st mortgage O.A.C. Call Fred Chapple.



\$339,000

A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY
Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm", 4 bedrooms + lots of room to room. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.



\$124,900



Karen Nimigon
457-1011 ext. 224

OUTSTANDING VALUE - OUTSTANDING HOME
A great family home just min. from Haliburton Village. Large kitchen w/oak cupboards, wood floors in kitchen, dining room & bedrooms. Living room boasts bay window and woodstove. 18 x 22 garage, woodshed, drilled well, septic.



\$147,900

YOUNGS TRAIL - SIR SAM SKI AREA
The ideal retreat for ski lovers, located 2.5 short hours north of Toronto in close proximity to Sir Sam's Ski Hill, public beach, golf & amenities. 3 bdrms, open concept K/D/LR ideal for entertaining. Finished bsmt w/rec room & FP, nestled on large pretty lot.

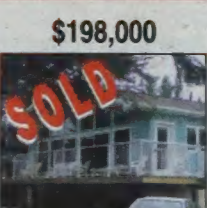


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Victor Disk
286-2911 ext. 45

IN TOWN
2 bedroom Viceroy by the river. Newly finished and ready for occupancy. Ask for Victor Disk.

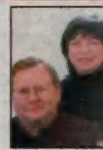


\$198,000

25 PRINCE ST
Located in the Town of Minden this 2 bedroom bungalow on a flat lot has a detached garage and is close to all amenities. Ask for Victor Disk.



\$99,900



Tom & Gail Tempest
286-2911 ext. 41

POST & BEAM ON MINDEN LAKE
Custom built & designed w/pine log siding, 3 bdrms, 2 4pc baths, main floor laundry. Lrg great room with propane FP many windows and sliding doors to deck overlooking the lake. Most furnishings remain. Boat lift stays too!



\$429,000

PRIVACY PLUS
This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space with a full unfinished w/o basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore & beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood & ceramic floors. Wrap around 3-sided porch. Call for all the details today.



\$279,000



Vince Duchene
457-1011 ext. 225

GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
Great investment opportunity, rental opportunity or just use as a residence. This commercially zoned property located in Donald has a 3 bedroom updated bungalow with over 1,500 square feet of living space. It also has a general store and mini putt... whatever your flavour, you have opportunities to do many things here..

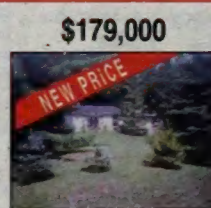


\$149,900



Elizabeth Thompson
457-1011 ext. 248

ACCESS TO KASHAGAWIGAMOG
Great starter or retirement bungalow close to Haliburton Village w/wooded access to Lake Kashagawigamog; beautifully treed lot, fenced backyard; on mun. sewers; 3 bdrms (1 bdrm apt.); airtight woodstove; breezeway to rec room/garage. Call Elizabeth.



\$179,000

CENTURY FARMHOUSE
Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lk. a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lge loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.



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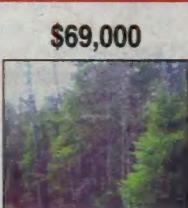
Lenor Fulton
286-2911 exts. 23 & 46

HORSESHOE LAKE
Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakefront. Includes boat, motor & dock. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.



\$379,900

100 ACRES WITH BEAVER POND
Why not hunt on your own 100 acres this season? This parcel features a mixed forest with approximately a 25 acre beaver pond w/an abundance of water lilies and 10 acres of low lands.



\$69,000



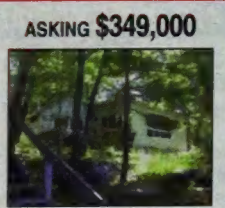
Ted Vasey
457-1011 ext. 223

INGOLDSBY
Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.



NOW \$169,000

BOSKUNG LAKE
Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.



ASKING \$349,000



Julie Gray
457-1011 exts. 230 & 237

MISKWABI LAKE
Warm & inviting 13 year old log country home w/wooded access. Private w/southern exposure modern chef's kitchen & new SS appliances. 4 bdrm (2 w/suites), 3 baths, hardwood & ceramic floors, cathedral ceiling, loft & pine paneled full w/o bsmt. New improvements throughout. You will love the warmth of the logs in this charming year round vacation home w/water access on Miskwabi Lake.



\$309,000

HARBURN ROAD
This beautiful country retreat is privately nestled in a 2 acre lot surrounded by hardwood forest just 5 minutes from the LR & bdrms w/lots of windows, hardwood floors in kitchen & DR, main floor laundry room & FR w/cedar accents, FP & w/o to large deck. Full unfinished bsmt double attached garage & screened sun porch. Call for an appointment to view.



\$275,000



Melanie Vigrass
286-2911 ext. 40

GELERT ROAD
Great location between Haliburton & Minden. Well maintained 3 bdrm, 2 bath home features sunken living room w/hardwood floors & skylights, dining area w/bay window, fully finished w/o basement, detached garage and so much more! Call Melanie for full details.



\$229,900

HOME AND ACREAGE
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath Viceroy home set on 29 acres of mixed bush. Features incl. wall-to-wall windows & cathedral ceiling in the living room, FP w/insert, w/o dining room & master bedroom & a partially finished w/o bsmt. Call Melanie for details.

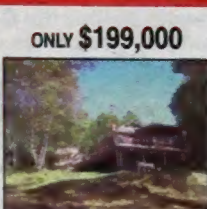


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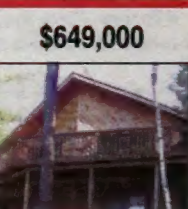
Linda Beachli
457-1011 ext. 227

CONTAU LAKE
Excellent views from this starter cottage. Fully furnished & waiting for someone to enjoy.



ONLY \$199,000

STUNNING KASHAGAWIGAMOG
Custom build 4 season solid cedar cottage/country home on 10 acres w/natural trails & 330 ft of waterfront w/SW exposure. Open concept, new oak hardwood flooring & stunning stone fireplace to enjoy.

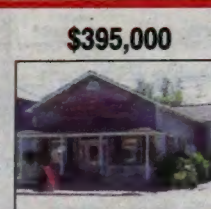


\$649,000



Peter Brady
457-1011 ext. 234

GIFT STORE
Bustling Boutique Giftware & Craft Store with established clientele high image building on prime corner of the main Hwy in downtown Haliburton.



\$395,000

GREAT INVESTMENT
Sunny & bright legal duplex on quiet cul-de-sac in Haliburton Village. Walkout to small pond & gardens. Live in & collect rent or set new rents for both suites.



ONLY \$209,900